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ICC announces roundtable discussion of electric deregulation issues

The Illinois Commerce Commission announced it has invited Illinois' top electric utility leaders, government regulators and other policymakers to participate in a public discussion focusing on the future of the state's electric market and examining public policy issues surrounding deregulation of the electric industry in Illinois.

The ICC's Post 2006 Initiative, launched in the spring of 2004, has brought together electric utilities, consumer advocates, independent power producers, energy marketers and others to identify all the issues that require resolution as the state moves through a legislatively mandated transition period to a largely deregulated electric market at the end of the year 2006.

ICC Commissioner Erin O'Connell-Diaz has led the Commission's Post 2006 Initiative, which expects to issue a final report sometime this fall.

"We have been working hard all summer to examine this very important issue from all different angles," said O'Connell-Diaz. "Deregulation of the state's energy market is no small task, and we want to make sure we identify and hopefully address any potential problem areas as we move forward."

The roundtable will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Assembly Hall auditorium, located on the lower level of the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph in Chicago.

The scheduled speakers include:

- **John Rowe**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Exelon Corporation
- **Gary Rainwater**, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ameren Corporation
- **Brent Gale**, Senior Vice President, MidAmerican Energy Company
- **Philip Barnhard IV**, President, Mount Carmel Public Utility Company.

The keynote speech will be delivered by Commissioner **Nora Brownell** of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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